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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Hiroaki Sekizawa**

Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Assigned**

Application No.: **(cont. of 10/460,802)**

Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING THE STATE OF A  
PLURALITY OF MACHINES CONNECTED VIA A COMPUTER  
NETWORK**

Date: **November 13, 2003**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The cited references constitute the art of record from parent application no. 10/460,802, which is relied upon for an earlier effective filing date pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of such prior art have not been submitted.

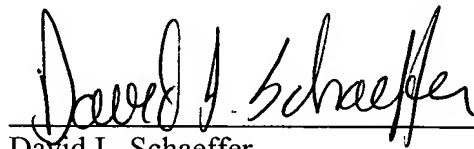
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of the subject application.

Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may now or hereafter be due in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709, as necessary.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David L. Schaeffer", is written over a horizontal line.

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